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Residents of District E,

As I write the November newsletter opening, Election Day was a mere 12 hours ago. Voters cast their votes for local referendums, county offices, state offices, and congressional seats. The turnout was high, as was the post-election excitement. As usual, the suburbs led the way in early voting. Kingwood and Clear Lake residents turned out in near-record numbers. Such high participation is yet another reason I am so proud to serve as the District E Council Member.

I want to extend special congratulations to Dan Huberty, State Representative-Elect District 127, which covers the Kingwood portion of my district. Besides being a personal friend, Dan and I worked together on the Humble ISD Board of Trustees, where he led the school district through very challenging times. He is a dedicated and committed public servant, and will bring a level of energy to District 127 that has been missing for many years.

On the south side of my council district, I want to congratulate Ken Legler for winning his race. This was Representative Legler's first run for reelection, and the final numbers show that the public solidly supports him.

State Representatives John Davis and Carol Alvarado were both unopposed and reelected. State Representative Ana Hernandez had an opponent, but easily won reelection.

On the county side, I want to thank County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia for her 8 years of service. At the same time, I welcome Jack Morman, who was elected last night as Pct. 2 Harris County Commissioner. I will be reaching out to him in the next week or two to introduce myself and begin establishing a working relationship that benefits both of our constituents.

Three City of Houston propositions were on the ballot. Prop 1 passed, which will establish a fee on all property in the city for purposes of drainage and infrastructure purposes; Prop 2, which addressed city council residency requirements, was soundly defeated; and Prop 3, the "red light camera" issue, also was defeated, which means the cameras must come down.

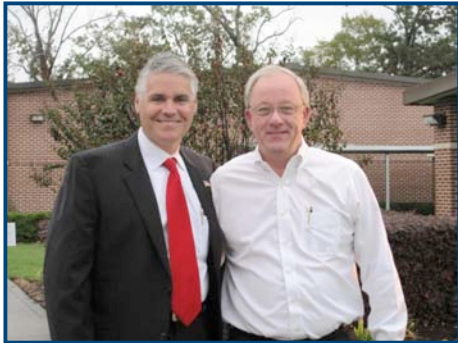
Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Mike Sullivan
Council Member

Kingwood Town Hall Meeting

Council Member Sullivan is hosting a town hall meeting for his Kingwood constituents on Tuesday, November 30th at Creekwood Middle School. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and will run until 8:00 p.m. City of Houston representatives from the Houston Fire Department, Houston Police Department, Public Works and Engineering, General Services Department and Administrative and Regulatory Affairs will be in attendance to give project updates. Council Member Sullivan will open the floor up to those attending who may have questions. For more information please contact Karina Moreno at 832.393.3008.

State Representative Elect Dan Huberty



Rep-Elect Huberty and Council Member Sullivan

Council Member Sullivan would like to congratulate Texas State Representative-Elect Dan Huberty for his recent victory in the polls. Rep. Huberty is a long time Kingwood resident and served on the Humble ISD school board with Council Member Sullivan. The two have worked on many issues together in the community and have a solid foundation to build upon. Council Member Sullivan looks forward to working with Rep. Huberty in the future and believes their rapport will benefit the residents of district E.

This is the first time Kingwood has been given the opportunity to elect a new state representative since being annexed into the city.

Traffic Meeting at Kingwood High School

Council Member Sullivan met with the Houston Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Division and Humble ISD's Police Chief Solomon Cook the morning of October 4th to address the issue of rush hour traffic at and around Kingwood High School. After observing traffic patterns, Council Member Sullivan asked the Public Works and Engineering Department to conduct studies gathering data on traffic numbers around the school. After the studies are complete, the city will be able to provide Humble ISD with suggestions on how to better improve traffic flow. It is important to Council Member Sullivan that students are able to get to school in an efficient manner and that other residents in the community are able to commute around the community with limited congestion.

Humble ISD Teacher of the Year

The Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Teacher of the Year luncheon at the Humble Civic Center on October 19th. Teachers from Lone Star College-Kingwood, Northeast Christian Academy, Humble ISD and Spring ISD were recognized for their outstanding leadership and dedication to their students. As a past Humble ISD school board member, Council Member Sullivan is honored to attend this annual luncheon and acknowledged each teacher with a certificate of recognition. He congratulated the teachers for their success and encouraged them to keep up their hard work.



Principal Glenda Holder and Council Member Sullivan

EMS Lounge Tour



RN David Beck, Houston Fire Department Assistant Chief William Barry, Council Member Sullivan and Hospital CEO Louis Smith

Council Member Sullivan was invited by the Northeast Memorial Hermann Hospital to tour the new break room that was recently completed. The break room was constructed for Emergency Medical Technicians and members of the Houston Fire Department who frequently work at the hospital. The new room gives the responders a place to relax, eat and enjoy a break between shifts. Council Member Sullivan toured the lounge with Assistant Fire Chief William Barry and representatives from the hospital. He thanks those who invited him to tour the facility and appreciates them for looking after the men and women who help serve the community.

Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony

Council Member Sullivan had the privilege to show his support to Senior Girl Scout Stephanie Weber by attending her Gold Award Ceremony on October 23rd. Weber, who is a distinguished member of Troop 9038 of the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, maintains her commitment to excellence, scholarship and service to her community. She earned the Gold Award for her volunteerism in Kingwood and for planting over 2,000 saplings in Kingwood parks. Council Member Sullivan recognized her for her leadership and presented her with a certificate of recognition during the ceremony. He thanked her for being a positive role model in Kingwood and encouraged her to continue her service to the community.



Council Member Sullivan and Girl Scout Stephanie Weber

Project Updates

- Plans have been approved for a new community center, which will be located at the old library site. Construction will begin around January 1st.
- The construction contract to widen Northpark Drive has been awarded. Construction should begin around January 15, 2011.
- The Kingwood Annex Court is currently going through renovations and is being expanded. Construction will be complete November 18th.
- MRT's are directing traffic in the mornings at Kingwood High School every morning. Council Member Sullivan is continuously trying to improve mobility for Kingwood residents.

Shaver Road Meeting

The City of Houston and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDot) are having a meeting on December 8 regarding the proposed widening of Shaver Road from I-45 to Highway 3. The meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the YES Prep Southeast School located at 353 Crenshaw Road.

The project includes widening S. Shaver Road from a four lane undivided roadways with open ditches to a six lane divided roadway with raised median, curb and gutter drainage, sidewalks, street lighting and improved underground utilities. The project also includes a channel improvements of a portion of the Berry Bayou and a new detention pond that outfalls from S. Shaver Road.

The meeting will be in an open house format, and representatives from both TXDot and the City of Houston will be available to explain project schematics and environmental exhibits. Please note there will not be a formal presentation; however, South Belt residents are encouraged to attend to voice their input and raise their inquiries.

For more information, please contact Council Member Sullivan's office at (832) 393.3008.

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is looking at Ellington Field as a potential site to expand. University officials recently traveled to Houston to tour the airport and surrounding areas and to meet with local officials. Council Member Sullivan sat in on a meeting with Texas State Governor Rick Perry, Mayor Annise Parker and Embry Riddle University's President John Johnson among others including economic and aviation executives. The meeting emphasized what Houston and Texas as a state has to offer the university including the large amount of aerospace professionals, available land and close proximity to downtown Houston.

The City of Houston and the Houston Airport System welcome and encourage the possibility of Embry Riddle locating to Houston. Council Member Sullivan has promoted further development at Ellington Field and strongly encourages university officials to further consider Houston as their future home.

University officials, who are also looking at Rockford, IL, will make their decision by early 2011.



Jeff Moseley, Council Member Sullivan, Congressman Pete Olson, Andy Icken, Mario Diaz, Judge Ed Emmett, Governor Rick Perry, and representatives from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

Astoria Blvd Improvements

The city's Public Works and Engineering Department have advertised bidding for Astoria Boulevard paving and drainage improvements. The project consists of the construction of approximately 42,053 square yards of 6 and 8-inch thick reinforced concrete roadway pavement with curb and gutter. It also consists of approximately 10,555 linear feet of storm sewer pipe and reinforced concrete box (RCB) sewer of various sizes including inlets and leads. The scheduled bid date is November 18th, and as the project progresses, updates will be published in Council Member Sullivan's newsletter.

Wings Over Houston



Bill King, Council Member Sullivan and Jim Bath

Over 85,000 people attended the Wings Over Houston Air Show last month at Ellington Airport. The event, which attracts thousands from around the country, honors American military aviation through flight, restoration and the preservation of World War II aircraft. Families, veterans, and active military men and women have attended the air show for 26 years and are always proud to support and promote patriotism for our troops.

City council approved the extension of the Air Show agreement between the City of Houston and the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) last month. This agreement provides for an annual October Air Show at Ellington Airport and will carry the show through 2012. Council Member Sullivan is excited and thankful for the opportunity to extend the agreement and is honored to have the event hosted in his district.

Grace Community Church Celebrates 27 Years

Grace Community Church located at 14505 Gulf Freeway celebrated its 27th Anniversary on Sunday, October 17th. Council Member Sullivan attended the church service and recognized Senior Pastor Steve Riggle with an official City of Houston proclamation from Mayor Parker. The church is instrumental in public safety funeral and memorial services for the city, lies within District E and has served the Clear Lake and South Belt areas for many years.

Grace continues to serve Houston with 10 services each week at two campuses.



Pastor Steve Riggle and Council Member Sullivan

Grace Community Church Service



Council Member Sullivan, his daughter Paige and Governor Rick Perry

Council Member Sullivan spent two Sunday's in a row attending services at Grace Community Church. On October 24th he had the privilege of attending a service with Governor Perry. Governor Perry was the guest speaker and spoke about conservative values that the community shares. Council Member Sullivan was fortunate to sit next to the Governor during the service and privileged to give brief remarks and introduce him to the congregation.

Council Member Sullivan thanks Pastor Steve Riggle and Pastor Garrett Booth for always extending the open invitation to him to visit the church and to participate in the services.

Ellington Field Tour

Base Commander Colonel Kenneth Wisian invited Council Member Sullivan to tour the base at Ellington Field last month. Council Member Sullivan was given the opportunity to not only tour the facility and grounds, but to also interact and communicate with many of the soldiers while eating lunch with them. Council Member Sullivan regularly visits Ellington Field and believes it is important to maintain a strong relationship with the command staff and the troops.

Council Member Sullivan thanks Col. Wisian for the invitation and looks forward to future visits.



Council Member Sullivan and Base Commander Kenneth Wisian

Project Updates

- Sagemont Community Center design work is complete. Construction should begin in March 2011.
- Outdoor lighting for Law Park is currently being installed.
- Installation of ball field lights at Blackhawk Park was recently approved by city council. Installation should begin January 1st.
- City council approved a \$70,000 contract for a comprehensive flood study at and around Ellington Airport.
- METRO's newly expanded South Point Park and Ride Lot is open and has an additional 390 parking spaces.

South Town Hall Meeting



Council Member Sullivan answers questions from the audience.

Council Member Sullivan held a combined town hall meeting for his south constituents on October 13th. The meeting, which was held at the University of Houston – Clear Lake, acted as a forum for Council Member Sullivan and the appropriate city representatives to present project updates and answer questions from attendees. Several topics were discussed including road construction, storm surge signs and recycling expansion.

Council Member Sullivan thanks Dan Seal from the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership for attending and giving a Legislative Update on NASA/JSC as well as an update about the potential for Embry Riddle Aeronautic University building an additional campus at Ellington Airport.

NASA Legislation Press Conference

Texas Congressional delegation joined together at NASA/Johnson Space Center last month to announce the signing of the NASA Authorization Bill by President Obama. The original budget proposed by President Obama earlier this year, virtually cut NASA's human space flight program and put thousands of civil service jobs in jeopardy. After months of work by local, state and congressional parties, an authorization bill was proposed and signed last month. During the press conference, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Congressmen Pete Olson, Gene Green, Al Green and Sheila Jackson Lee announced that the new bill provides an extra space shuttle flight next year, provides for the development of a heavy lift rocket for deep space exploration and funding for the development of commercial space vehicles.

NASA/JSC Symposium

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership and the Johnson Space Center hosted a Commercial Human Spaceflight Symposium at the Johnson Space Center on October 13th immediately following the signing of Congress' NASA authorization bill by President Obama. As the district Council Member for JSC, Council Member Sullivan attended the reception along with Mayor Parker. He had the privilege of introducing the mayor to the crowd and emphasized that he is looking forward to working with her administration, BAHEP and the Clear Lake community as the plans for NASA are implemented.

Council Member Sullivan thanks Space Center Houston's President, Richard Allen, for hosting numerous community events.



Council Member Sullivan welcomed those attending the symposium and introduced Mayor Annise Parker.

Space Center Rotary's Shrimporee



Council Member Sullivan, Galveston County Commissioner – Elect Mark Henry and Sheryl Berg

The Space Center Rotary hosted their 37th Annual Shrimporee and Benefit Auction at Clear Lake's Landolt Pavilion Saturday, October 16th. Council Member Sullivan attended the event with his daughter Saturday afternoon. He as well as other guests enjoyed food, shrimp and barbecue, live and silent auctions and more all benefiting the Rotary Club's mission to serve the Clear Lake/Bay Area Houston region and beyond.

The annual event raises money to continue to support the Rotary Club's endeavors to enhance Excellence in Education and Public Service; as well as their youth programs including Youth Exchange, Interact and Rotaract; Drug Awareness; and other important charitable activities. This year's major beneficiaries were Hope Village and the Education Foundation for the Clear Creek Independent School District, supporting the Career Exploration Lab.

CCISD Community Breakfast

The Clear Creek Education Foundation presented the 2010 "Future's So Bright" Annual Community Breakfast last month. The morning's event honored some of the people who had a hand in making Clear Creek Independent School District an exemplary district for the first time in 67 years and specifically recognized Dr. Peter Wuenschel as the 2010 CCISD Board of Trustees Citizen of the Year. It is through partnerships in the community that brings Clear Creek Independent School District continued success.

Council Member Sullivan congratulates Dr. Greg Smith and his team for continuing to make great strides in the Bay Area and is proud to have CCISD lie within his council district.



Council Member Sullivan, Dr. William Staples and others engaged about the importance of education in the community.

Clear Lake High School Football Game



Council Member Sullivan with Clear Lake High School JROTC cadets

Council Member Sullivan attended the Clear Lake High School football game on October 22 against Clear Brook High School. He attended as Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith's guest and spent the evening cheering on the varsity Falcons team.

During the game, Council Member Sullivan took the opportunity to speak with the Clear Lake High School JROTC students who were attending the game. Council Member Sullivan supports any student who is enrolled in the program and applauds their dedication and hard work.

Council Member Sullivan thanks Dr. Greg Smith and Eva de Cardenas in CCISD's Public Information for the invitation.

Bay Area Houston Ballet and Theatre Fundraiser

Bay Area Houston Ballet and Theatre founder Lynette Mason Gregg asked Council Member Sullivan to participate in the production of the 2011 BAHBT calendar last month. The calendar is intended to be sold as a fundraiser to further promote the mission of the organization, and displays Clear Lake community leaders dressed in costume. It also features an educational paragraph about different ballets for each corresponding month.

Council Member Sullivan was honored to have Gregg consider him to participate and thanks Pam Culpepper of J. Pamela's photography for shooting the pictures at City Hall.



Council Member Sullivan poses in council chambers.

Project Updates

- Sylvan Rodriguez Park is currently in the programming phase. Construction is scheduled to begin fiscal year 2012.
- Ellington Airport has almost \$50 million dollars in military construction projects now underway.

Town Hall Meeting on Bullying

A town hall centered around bullying was held at city hall on October 18th. Federal, state and local officials gathered to address the issues that have risen the past several months across the country. The town hall allowed organizations and individuals to attend and voice their concerns and heighten awareness of the growing problem. Council Member Sullivan attended the meeting and voiced his own concerns. As a past school board member, he witnessed and dealt with similar issues in the community and believes that awareness, open communication and zero tolerance are the first steps in tackling the growing problem.

Governor Perry's State of the State Address

On Tuesday, October 12th Governor Perry gave his State of the State Address to the Greater Houston Partnership membership. Governor Perry touted Texas as being the strongest economic performing state in the country and acknowledged challenges the state still poses such as the securing of the Texas/Mexico border. He also touched on the reconvening of the Legislature early next year and discussed certain challenges the body will face.

Council Member Sullivan attended this address and met with Governor Perry along with other elected officials and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University representatives after the meeting to discuss the benefits Houston and Texas has that would benefit the university's expansion.

HPD Air Support's 40th Anniversary



Council Member Stephen Costello, Council Member James Rodriguez, Captain Tom Runyan and Council Member Sullivan

The Houston Police Department's Air Support Division celebrated their 40th anniversary at the HPD Hangar at Hobby Airport last month. The division has changed the way the police department fights crime and maintains public safety. New and innovative technologies have expanded the capabilities and increased the effectiveness of today's airborne law enforcement crews and aircraft. Council Member Sullivan helped Council Member James Rodriguez and Council Member Stephen Costello present a proclamation to the division recognizing them for their outstanding abilities and history in the police department.

Also during the ceremony, the inaugural FLIR Awards were presented. Officers were acknowledged for their use of FLIR and presented demonstrations of the cameras and live video downlink capabilities of the HPD helicopters.

3rd Annual True Blue Gala

Council Member Sullivan and his wife attended the Third Annual "True Blue Gala" at the home of Tilman Fertitta, foundation chairman. Community leaders joined the Houston Police Foundation to support the men and women in blue who protect our streets everyday. Guests enjoyed an evening filled with dinner and a program themed "Blue Hawaii." The money raised will fund special programs, officer safety, training, equipment and new technology for the Houston Police Department.

For the second year in a row, KTRK-TV reporter Wayne Dolcefino participated in a skit featuring HPD's SWAT and helicopter units.



Council Member Sullivan and his wife, Kim

Yellow Cab Murder Press Conference



Council Member Sullivan gives brief remarks regarding the police department's coordinated efforts.

The Houston Police Department held a press conference covering the recent fatal shootings of two Yellow Cab taxi drivers in October. Investigators determined both of the shootings were related and robbery was the motive in each incident. Charges were filed against two suspects in the fatal shootings.

Council Member Sullivan participated in the press conference by giving remarks recognizing the Houston Police Department's hard work and highlighting the cooperation of the many agencies involved including HPD, the Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force and the U.S. Marshals Service

150th Anniversary of the Union of Nice

The Union of Nice of France celebrated its 150th anniversary on October 25th with a special cocktail reception at Bistro Don Camilo hosted by the Houston-Nice Sister City Association, a committee of the French American Chamber of Commerce - Texas. Council Member Sullivan attended the event and gave brief remarks on behalf of the City of Houston. He recognized Andree Smith, president of the HNSCA for the anniversary celebration and for their outstanding relationship with the city after all these years. The Houston-Nice sister city relationship dates back to the establishment in 1973, and was recently taken over by the French American Chamber of Commerce.



Council Member Sullivan addresses Consul General of France Pierre Grandjouan during the celebration.

Chinese Delegation Meeting



Council Member Sullivan presents a book to a delegate from Huizhou, China.

Council Member Sullivan helped welcome a delegation from the Dayawan district of Huizhou, China to Houston on October 19th. He joined the delegation during a meeting at City Hall and addressed the group as a member of the International Business Initiatives Committee. The delegation was comprised of members from the Petrochemical Industry Planning and Development Ministry in China. They spent one week meeting with experts in Houston in the petrochemical and energy fields.

Council Member Sullivan thanks Helen Chang, Director of the Mayor's Office of International Trade and Development for her tireless work on behalf of the city's international business efforts.

New BARC Website

The Houston BARC Animal Shelter and Adoptions is pleased to announce the launch of a new website, www.houstonbarc.com. Visitors of the site will be able to view recent reports and news releases, other new developments at BARC and learn about responsible pet ownership. The department encourages everyone to visit the site to learn more and to spread the word about caring for your pet responsibly. For more information please contact Christopher Newport at Christopher.newport@houstontx.gov.

In addition, BARC relies on teams of trained, responsible volunteers to provide extra care and services to the public and the animal houses at BARC. BARC is currently in need of more volunteers and has several opportunities available for those who are interested. For more information please visit www.houstontx.gov/volunteer/volunteernow.html.

Committee News

- **Ethics and Council Governance:** Council Member Sullivan serves as the chair of the Ethics and Council Governance Committee. Members of the committee met November 4th to facilitate discussion regarding proposed changes to Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances on Ethics and revise the standards of conduct for city council. City Attorney, David Feldman, presented the proposed changes. Council Member Sullivan and the administration share the same concerns and by working with the Ethics and Council Governance Committee aim to strengthen the standards of conduct applicable to city officials and elected city officials.
- **Water Resources Management Committee:** Council Member Sullivan serves as the chair of the Water Resources Management Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for December 2010 in council chambers.

For more information about each committee Council Member Sullivan chairs or is a member of, please visit his website at www.houstontx.gov/council/e/index.html.

Heavy Trash

Council Member Sullivan would like to remind District E residents that the City of Houston's Solid Waste Department will only pick up **Tree Waste** in November. **Tree Waste** is defined as "clean" wood waste such as tree limbs, branches and stumps. Lumber, furniture and treated wood will NOT be accepted.

For more information, please visit the Solid Waste Department's website at www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste.

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